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SUBJ: CIVAIR: PAN AM SUGGESTS POOLING TO KLM

1. DUTCH PRESS IS REPORTING WILLINGNESS BY PANAM TO ENTER INTO POOLING ARRANGEMENTS WITH KLM. BASIS OF STORIES ARE REMARKS BY PANAM VICE PRESIDENT GERWITZ, WHO IS IN AMSTERDAM TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING OF NATIONAL DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION (NDTA).
2. GERWITZ TOLD REPORTER FOR DUTCH NEWS SERVICE, ANP, THAT "POOLING IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD NO DOUBT TAKEN SERIOUSLY INTO CONSIDERATION. IN ADDITION, OTHER STEPS ARE POSSIBLE TO ALLEVIATE THE DIFFICULT SITUATION. REFERRING TO KLM PRESIDENT ORLANDINI, GERWITZ SAID "WE ARE BOTH REASONABLE PEOPLE AND I HAVE GOOD HOPES WE WILL EVENTUALLY FIND A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION."
3. DUTCH DAILY ALGEMEEN DAGBLAD ALSO REPORTED THAT PAN AM WANTS TO ACHIEVE A JOINT EXPLOITATION WITH KLM ON TRANSATLANTIC SERVICES. IT ADDS THAT KLM FAVOR SUCH SETTLEMENT ALTHOUGH CAB IS OPPOSED. ALGEMEEN DAGBLAD SAID GERWITZ STRONGLY CRITICIZED CAB FOR RESTRICTING TRANSATLANTIC SERVICES OF SOME WESTERN EUROPEAN AIRLINES IN FAVOR OF SMALL AIRLINES IN US.

ACCORDING TO ALGEMEEN DAGBLAD, ORLANDINI AND GERWITZ HAD INFORMAL TALKS ABOUT CURRENT CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS, BUT THAT FOR TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS ORLANDINI DID NOT WANT TO SPEAK OPENLY

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